

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Five)

Docket No. RM2018-8

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND COMMENT DEADLINE

(Issued August 21, 2018)

On June 26, 2018, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3050.11, requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to the analytical principles relating to periodic reporting.¹ In the Commission's Order initiating the rulemaking proceeding to consider the changes -- Proposal Five -- the Commission invited interested persons to submit comments no later than August 22, 2018.²

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Five), June 26, 2018 (Petition).

² Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Analytical Principles Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal Five), June 28, 2018, at 4 (Order No. 4689).

On August 17, 2018, the United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) moved for an extension of the comment deadline to August 29, 2018.³ Motion at 1-2. UPS notes that Proposal Five relies upon non-public material and that UPS was only recently granted access to modified supporting non-public material on August 1, 2018.⁴ UPS also observes that the Postal Service has responded to two information requests since filing Proposal Five.⁵ UPS requests an extension of the comment deadline so that it may adequately consider and evaluate the additional information provided in response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 and Chairman's Information Request No. 2, and so that it may evaluate and understand the complex issues raised by Proposal Five. Motion at 1-2. UPS adds that the extension will not "significantly delay the proceeding or adversely affect any participant." *Id.* at 2.

The Commission grants the Motion and hereby extends the deadline for filing comments from August 22, 2018, to August 29, 2018.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of United Parcel Service, Inc. to Extend Filing Deadline, filed on August 17, 2018, is granted.

³ Motion of United Parcel Service, Inc. to Extend Filing Deadline, August 17, 2018, at 1 (Motion).

⁴ *Id.* at 1. See Order Granting Motion for Access to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP3 and Holding Motion for Access to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1 in Abeyance Pending Further Action, August 1, 2018 (Order No. 4739). The Commission notes that although the Postal Service filed non-public material supporting Proposal Five on June 26, 2018, UPS did not request access to such material until July 20, 2018, nearly one month later. See United Parcel Service, Inc.'s Motion Requesting Access to Non-Public Materials Under Protective Conditions, July 20, 2018. To mitigate the need for future extensions, the Commission urges participants to request access to non-public material in a more timely manner.

⁵ Motion at 1. See Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-10 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, July 17, 2018; Responses of the United States Postal Service to Question 1-6 of Chairman's Information Request No. 2, August 3, 2018.

2. The Commission extends the date for filing comments from August 22, 2018, to August 29, 2018.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary